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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI,

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FATHER vs. SON!
FU MANCHU
vs. **SHANG-CHI**..

--AND TO THE VANQUISHED,
DEATH!



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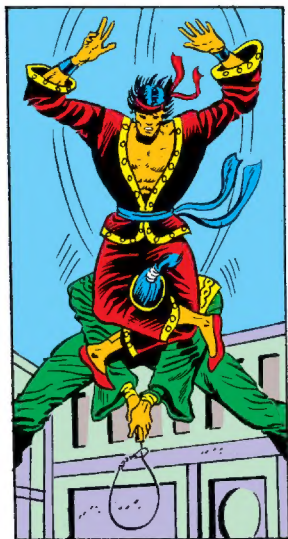
"TO ATTACK THE LAIR OF FU MANCHU, ONE MUST PAY A PRICE, IT SEEMS--

"--AND EVEN IF ONE IS THE SON OF FU MANCHU, AND A MASTER OF KUNG FU--



"--THE PRICE CAN BE ONE'S DEATH.

"BUT I COMMITTED MYSELF TO ANY AND ALL COSTS THE MOMENT I TURNED AGAINST MY FATHER. I NEED NOT WEIGH THIS ONE FURTHER.

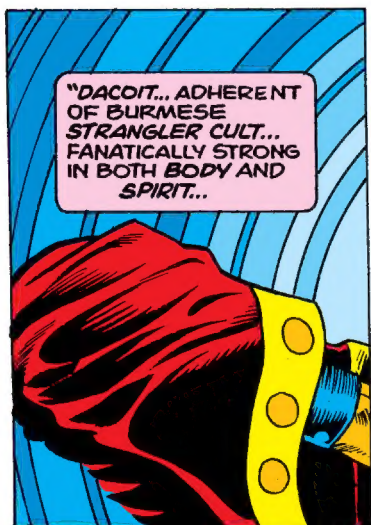


"THE DACOIT FLICKS HIS WRIST, BUT I FLICK MY ARMS, THRUSTING MY FINGERS BETWEEN THROAT AND NOOSE AS THE LINE RIPS TAUT!

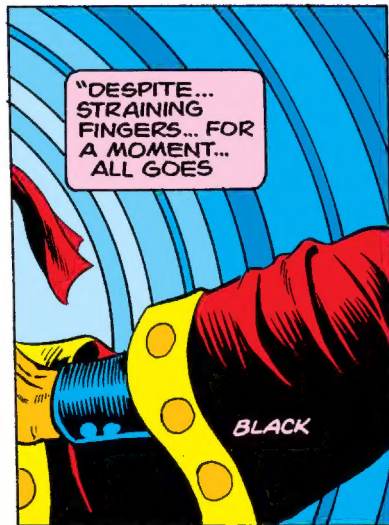


YOUR SPEED IS OF THE WIND, SHANG-CHI! YET FU MANCHU FORESAW YOUR INEVITABLE ATTEMPT TO DESTROY HIM!

I HAVE WAITED AT THIS ENTRANCE FOR FORTY-SIX DAYS TO KILL YOU!

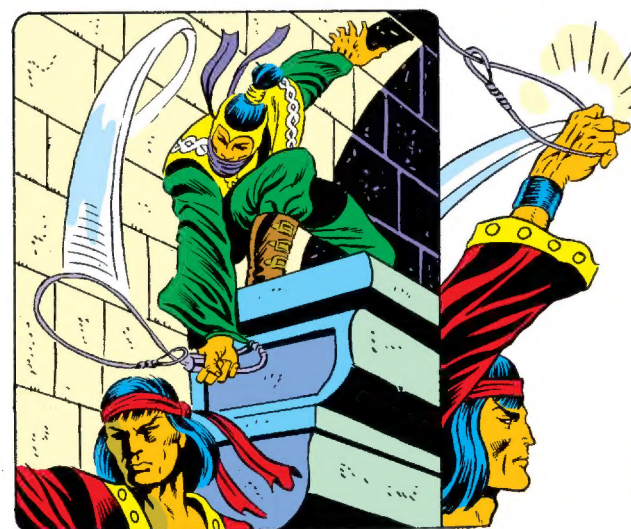
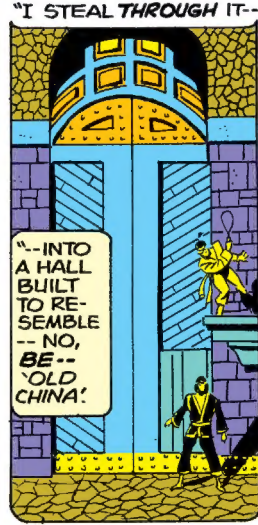
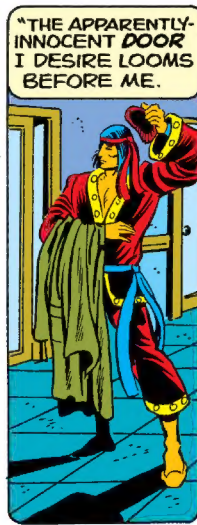
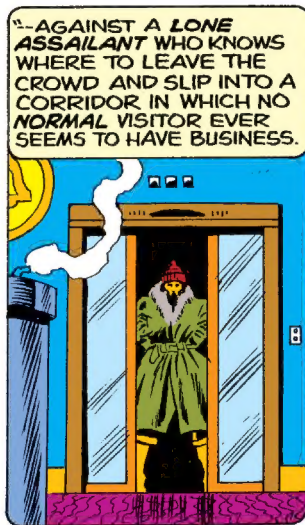


"DACOIT... ADHERENT OF BURMESE STRANGLER CULT... FANATICALLY STRONG IN BOTH BODY AND SPIRIT...



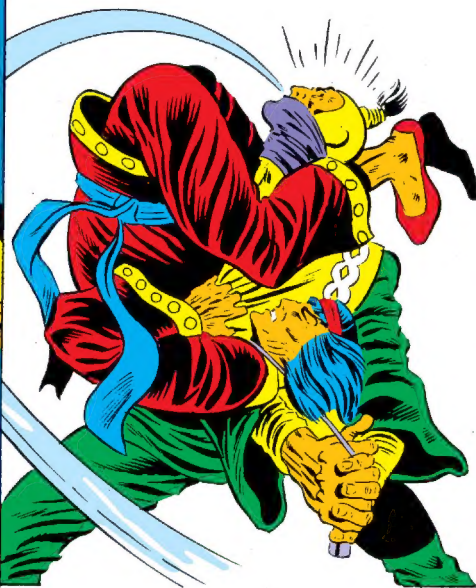
"DESPITE... STRAINING FINGERS... FOR A MOMENT... ALL GOES

BLACK



"SUDDENLY... PAIN RETURNS! I LOST... CONSCIOUSNESS... FOR AN INSTANT-- MY BRAIN FELL INTO MEMORY-- BUT NOW I AM IN THE PRESENT AND I MUST SWIFTLY

STRIKE!

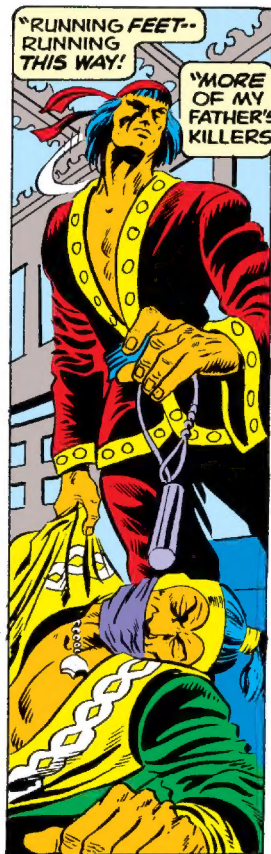


"DOGGEDLY, THE MAN RISES-- BUT I AM RECOVERED."

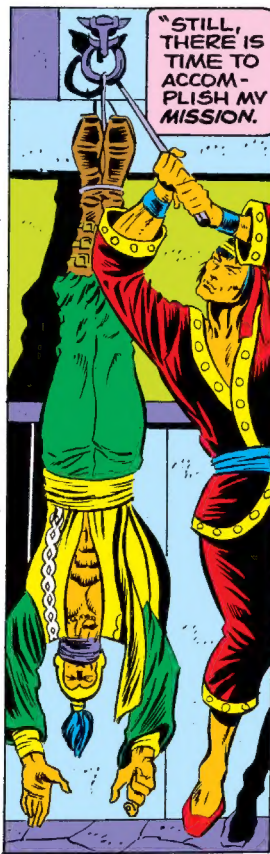


"RUNNING FEET-- RUNNING THIS WAY!"

"MORE OF MY FATHER'S KILLERS."



"STILL, THERE IS TIME TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION."



"FU MANCHU UNDERESTIMATES ME. I DO INDEED PLAN TO DESTROY HIS EMPIRE OF EVIL... BUT I UNDERSTAND THE FOOLISHNESS OF FRONTAL ASSAULT."

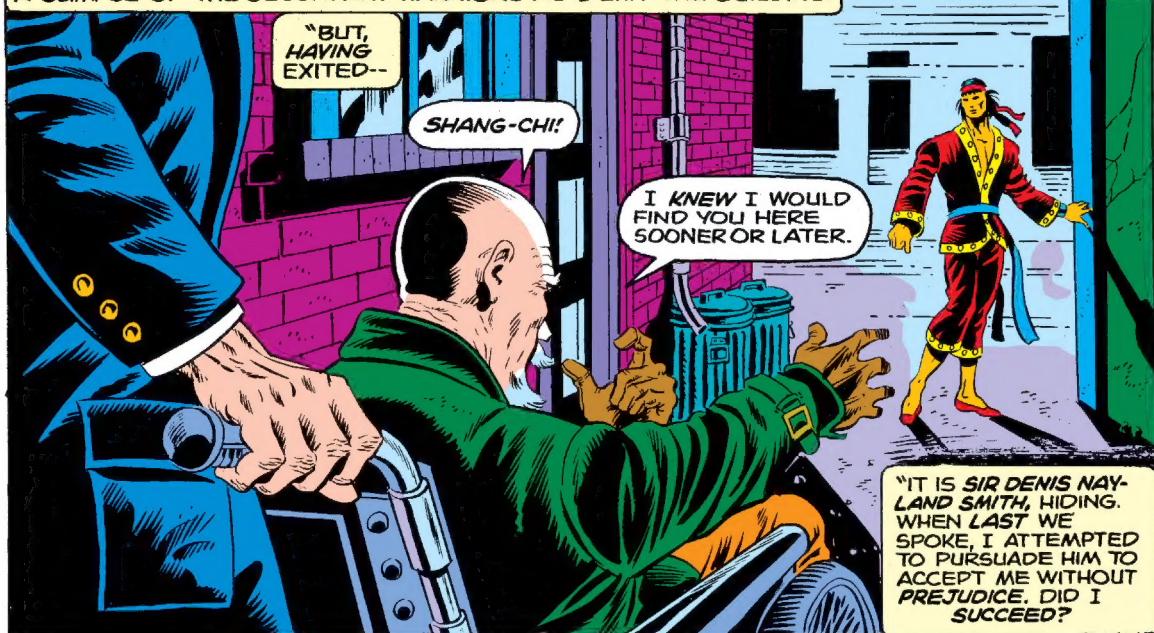


FIRST MOVE!

Shang-Chi

"A WAR OF ATTRITION, ATTACKING AND VANISHING, WILL SERVE ME MORE FULLY. MAY HE CONTINUE TO FIND ME UNPREDICTABLE!"

"ONCE AMONG THE OFFICE WORKERS AGAIN, I AM IMMUNE FROM REPRISALS. I CATCH NOT EVEN A GLIMPSE OF THE SECONDARY WARRIORS AS I EXIT THE BUILDING.



"HIS FRIEND, BLACK JACK TARR, COULD NOT BE PERSUADED.

YOU TAUGHT ME TO STAND.



THAT IS GOOD.

WAIT!

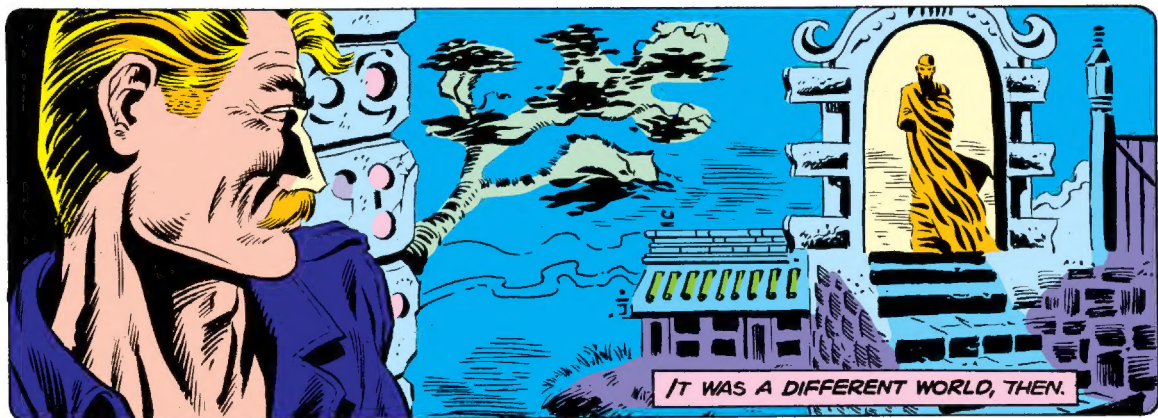
THAT'S ... NOT ALL.



I CAN ACCEPT YOUR EXPLANATION THAT YOUR FATHER DUPED YOU INTO KILLING MY FRIEND PETRIE.

I HAVE TO, YOU SEE, BECAUSE YOU MAY BE MY GREATEST WEAPON IN MY WAR AGAINST FU MANCHU--

--A WAR THAT HAS RAGED SINCE I FIRST SAW HIM IN 1911.



IT WAS A DIFFERENT WORLD, THEN.

I WAS 28, THEN-- AND LIKE EVERY OCCIDENTAL, I FEARED THE UNKNOWN EAST AND ITS "YELLOW PERIL." WHEN FU MANCHU SWEEPED OUT OF CHINA, I KNEW I HAD TO STOP HIM.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I STILL DO. I HAVE LEARNED OF THE MAN BEHIND THE SYMBOL, BUT I STILL CONSIDER HIM THE MOST EVIL MAN ALIVE!

... AND I WOULD HATE DYING WITH MY WORK UNFINISHED.

SIR DENIS! YOU SHOULDN'T OPEN YOURSELF TO A... A CHINAMAN! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU TALK ME INTO BRINGING YOU HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

I'M THE ONLY WEAPON YOU NEED AGAINST FU MANCHU!

BLACK JACK... OLD MAN...

SHANG-CHI MADE ME SEE MYSELF AS I HAD BECOME SINCE PETRIE'S DEATH: A BITTER CRIPPLE, NO GOOD TO HIMSELF OR THE WORLD.

FOR THAT, HE DESERVES MY HELP FOR MY EXPERIENCE, I DESERVE HIS.

CLEARLY SPOKEN, SIR DENIS-- AND TRULY.

I CAN USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF MY FATHER, AND I SHALL DO WHAT I CAN TO AID YOU. YOU HAVE MY WORD.

BUT WE SPEAK ONLY OF AID. I COULD NOT BE FU MANCHU'S WEAPON. I SHALL NOT BE YOURS.

AGREED. YOU HAVE MY WORD.

NOW, LISTEN WELL. MY SOURCES TELL ME THAT YOUR FATHER IS SMUGGLING AN UNKNOWN CARGO INTO FLORIDA TONIGHT.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, I'LL HAVE YOU FLOWN THERE.

"DIRECTIONS TO THE SMUGGLERS ARE CONCISE.

I SHALL RELY UPON MYSELF, THANK YOU.

"SIR DENIS DOES NOT BABBLE.

"YET BEHIND SIR DENIS' RESERVE, I SENSE A DISTRUST OF ME. I ALLOWED HIM TO USE HIS LEGS, WHEN HIS SCIENCE ASSURED HIM HE COULD NOT--AND HE CREDITS ME WITH THE POWER INSTEAD OF HIMSELF.

"HE FEELS HIMSELF IN MY DEBT, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT I MAY ASK OF HIM IN RETURN.

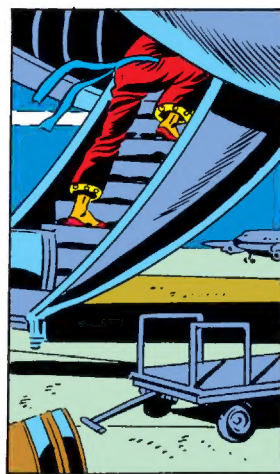
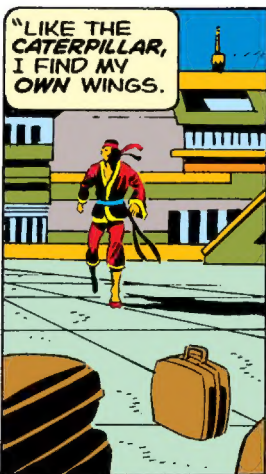
"THUS, I DID NOT ASK FOR TRANSPORTATION.

"LIKE THE CATERPILLAR, I FIND MY OWN WINGS.

"THE RISING OF THE AIRCRAFT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A THINNING AND COOLING OF THE AIR. I GROW DIZZY, NUMB...

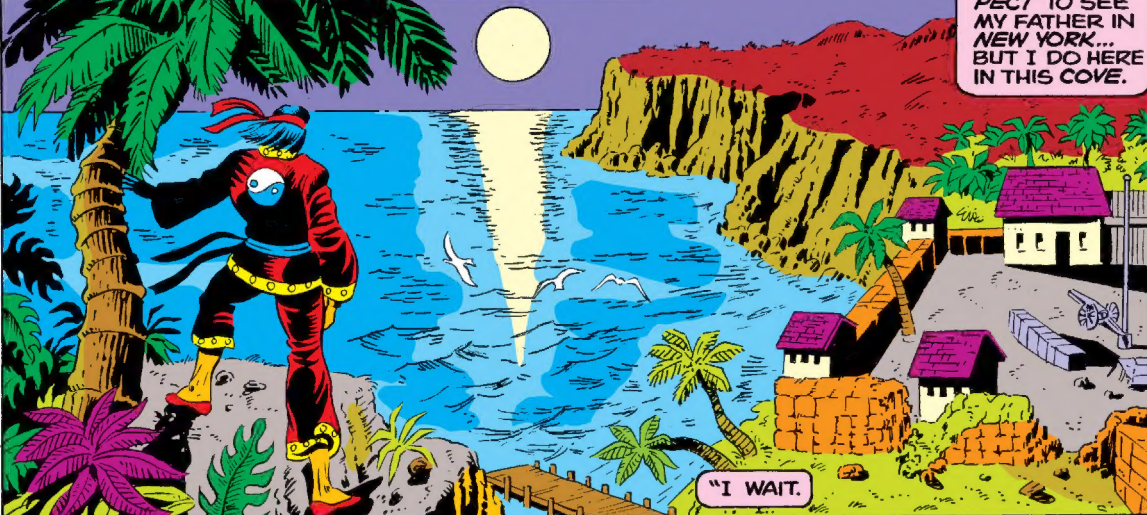
"...SO I SETTLE AND SLOW MYSELF, TRANSCENDING THE BODY... AND LOOSENING...THE...

"...MIND.



"THE REMAINDER OF MY JOURNEY IS SIMILARLY UNEVENTFUL. BY THE RISING OF A SHIMMERING, EGG-YOLK MOON, I STAND AWASH WITH DELICATELY- WARMED SEA-BREEZES... NOW AWAITING, PERHAPS, MY DEATH.

"I DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE MY FATHER IN NEW YORK... BUT I DO HERE IN THIS COVE.



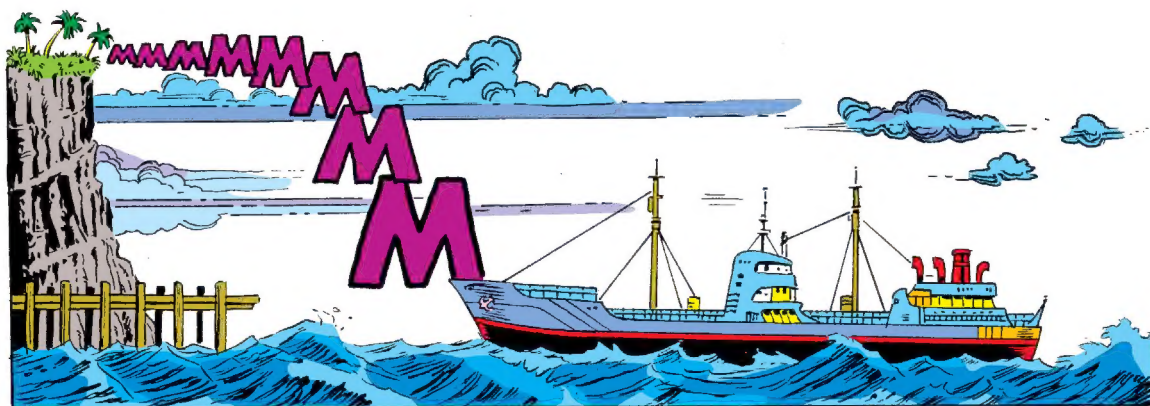
"THE REGION NAMED 'FLORIDA' IS BEAUTIFUL.

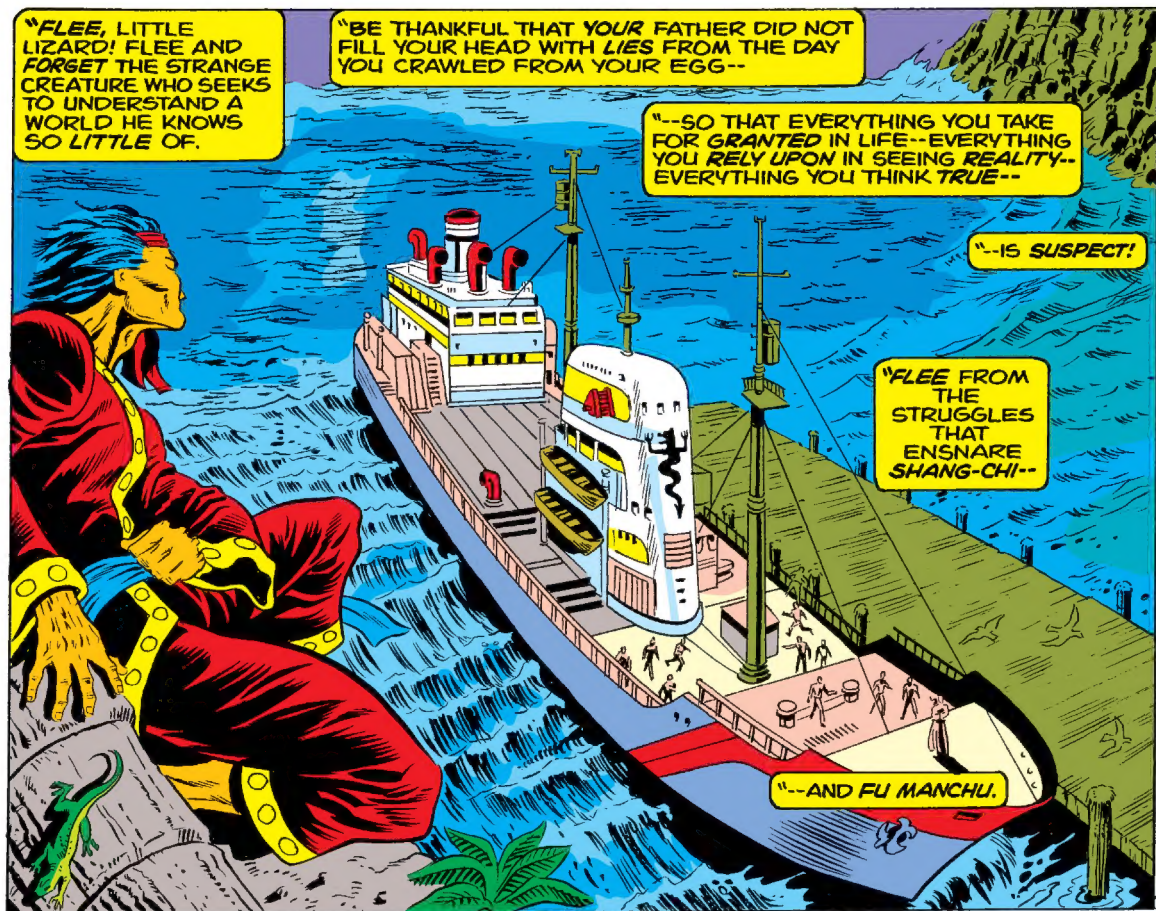


"AND WHAT IS THIS?"



"A STRONG BEAST-- YEARNING LIKE ALL CREATURES TO BE FREE.





"FLEE, LITTLE LIZARD! FLEE AND FORGET THE STRANGE CREATURE WHO SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND A WORLD HE KNOWS SO LITTLE OF.

"BE THANKFUL THAT YOUR FATHER DID NOT FILL YOUR HEAD WITH LIES FROM THE DAY YOU CRAWLED FROM YOUR EGG--

"--SO THAT EVERYTHING YOU TAKE FOR GRANTED IN LIFE--EVERYTHING YOU RELY UPON IN SEEING REALITY--EVERYTHING YOU THINK TRUE--

"--IS SUSPECT!

"FLEE FROM THE STRUGGLES THAT ENSNARE SHANG-CHI--

"--AND FU MANCHU.



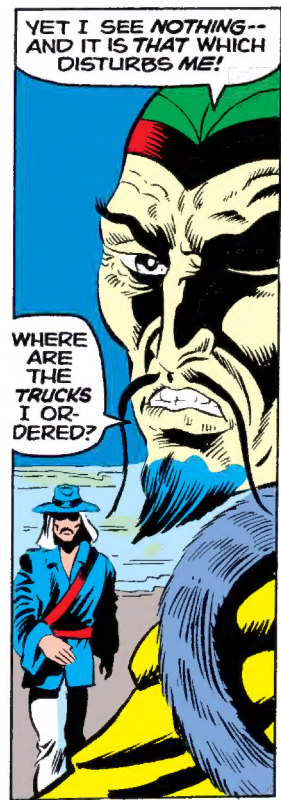
WHAT IS IT, PEKO?

DOES YOUR ANCIENT BRAIN DETECT MENACE?



HERE: A NUT FOR YOU.

WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS, MY PET. YOUR INSTINCTS SERVE ME WELL.



YET I SEE NOTHING-- AND IT IS THAT WHICH DISTURBS ME!

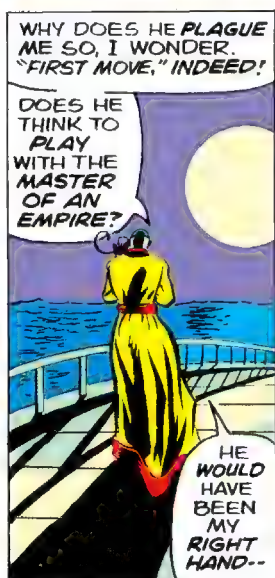
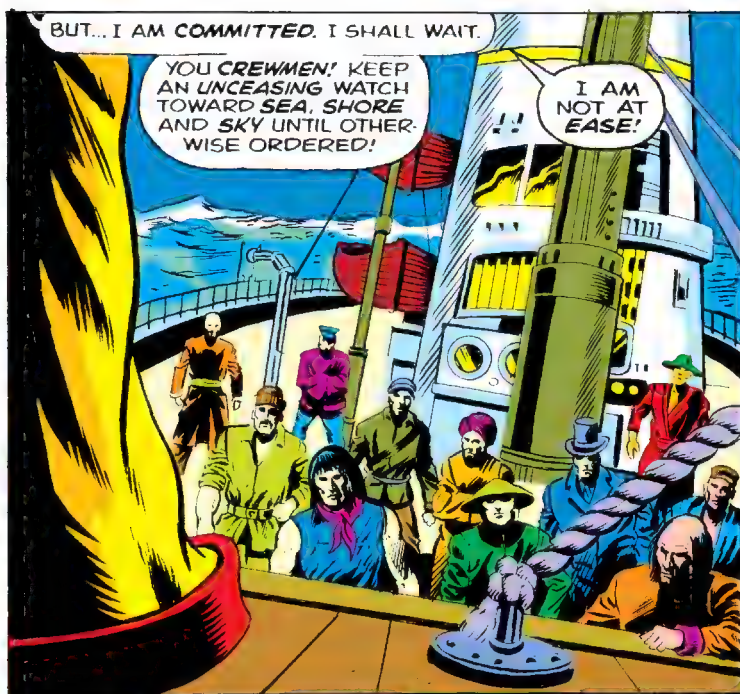
WHERE ARE THE TRUCKS I ORDERED?



O' CELESTIAL ONE, THIS ODISIOUS PERSON PRESENTS HIMSELF FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS WRATH!

THE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT OUR CARGO ARE DELAYED, FOR AT LEAST TWO HOURS, BY THE NEED TO AVOID AMERICAN AUTHORITIES!

THE AMERICANS HAVE INCREASED THEIR VIGILANCE OF LATE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE TRAFFIC IN DRUGS.



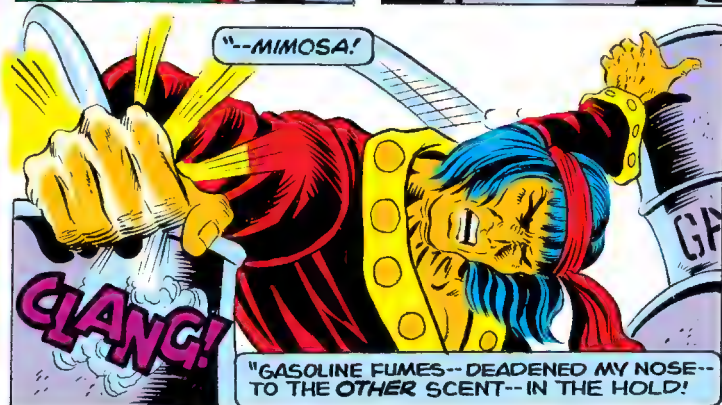
"I GLIDE PAST MY FATHER AND HIS CREW. EVERY WORD HE SPOKE IS FRESH AND CLEAR IN MY MIND, SO I SWIFTLY MAKE MY WAY TO THE CARGO HOLD.

"THE HATCH IS WELL-TENDED. IT OPENS AS SILENTLY AS THE SALT WATER EVAPORATING FROM MY GARMENTS IN THE WARM FLORIDA AIR.

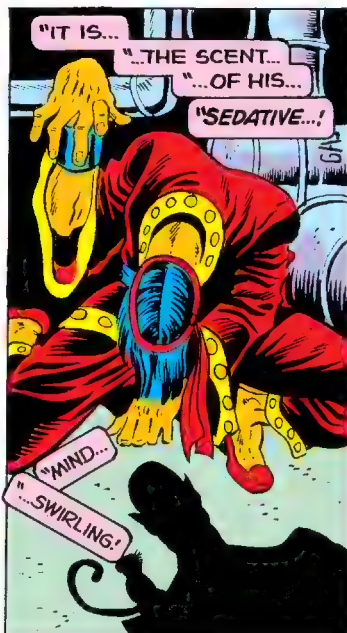
"I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. MY FIRST THOUGHTS ARE OF NATURAL GAS-- BUT THE UNMISTAKABLE ODOR OF GASOLINE IMMEDIATELY ENDS THEM.

"YES, THIS BARREL CONTAINS GASOLINE. YET WHY SMUGGLE IN SUCH A SUBSTANCE--

"HOLD! NOW I SMELL--



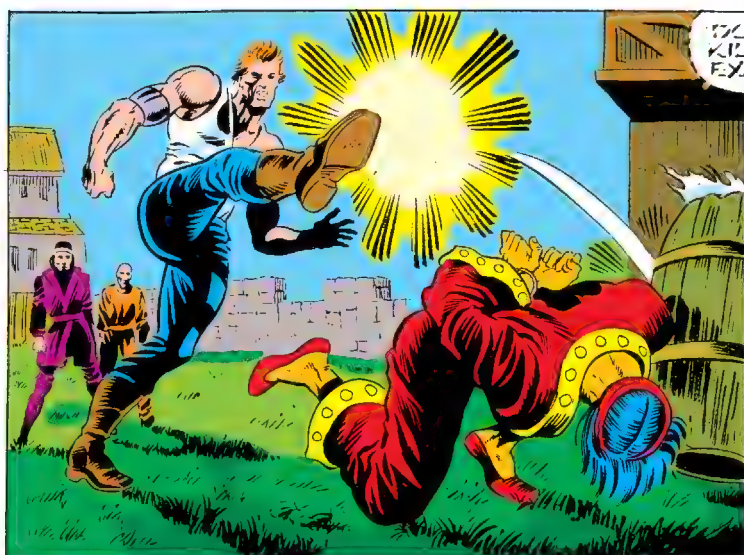
"GASOLINE FUMES-- DEADENED MY NOSE-- TO THE OTHER SCENT-- IN THE HOLD!



DO NOT RESIST ITS --

"THE CARGO IS... GAS!





DO YOU WANT I SHOULD
KILL HIM NOW, O
EXALTED ONE?

"WORDS
...NO,
WORDS...
ARE REBORN
...TO MY...
EARS....

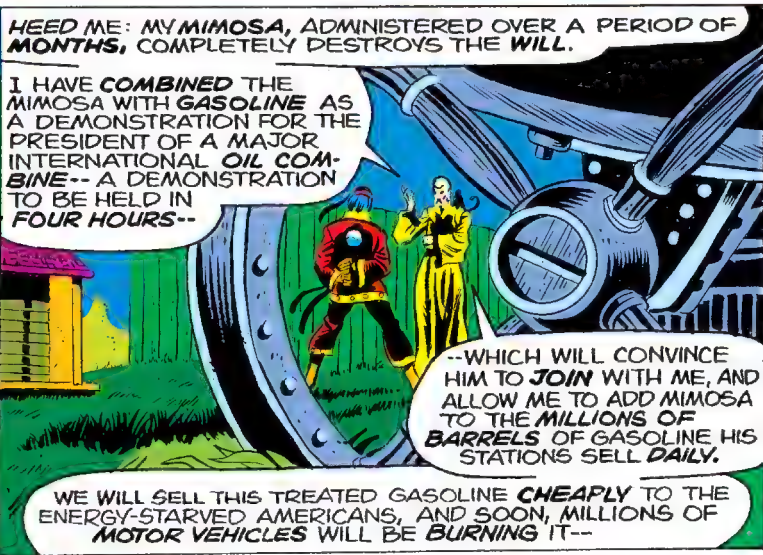
"MY MIND CLEARS.

NO, RASKOV.
HE AWAKENS.



SHANG-CHI... ONCE MY
SON... YOUR SECOND
MOVE IN YOUR
CONTEMPTIBLE WAR
HAS BROUGHT YOU
TO YOUR DEATH!

I DO NOT
GRIEVE.



HEED ME: MY MIMOSA, ADMINISTERED OVER A PERIOD OF
MONTHS, COMPLETELY DESTROYS THE WILL.

I HAVE COMBINED THE
MIMOSA WITH GASOLINE AS
A DEMONSTRATION FOR THE
PRESIDENT OF A MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL OIL COM-
BINE-- A DEMONSTRATION
TO BE HELD IN
FOUR HOURS--

--WHICH WILL CONVINCE
HIM TO JOIN WITH ME, AND
ALLOW ME TO ADD MIMOSA
TO THE MILLIONS OF
BARRELS OF GASOLINE HIS
STATIONS SELL DAILY.

WE WILL SELL THIS TREATED GASOLINE CHEAPLY TO THE
ENERGY-STARVED AMERICANS, AND SOON, MILLIONS OF
MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE BURNING IT--



-- SPEWING THE MIMOSA INTO THE
AIR ACROSS AMERICA, TO HANG
UNSUSPECTED AS PART OF
THEIR SMOG.

IN THREE MONTHS,
THE CONCENTRATION
WILL BE SUCH THAT
ALL OF AMERICA
WILL BE MINE TO
COMMAND!

WHAT--OF THE PRESIDENT-- OF THE COMBINE?

DEAD, OF
COURSE! HIS
USEFULNESS
WILL HAVE
ENDED--

--LIKE THAT OF THIS
CONVERSATION,
SHANG-CHI.

LOOK BEHIND YOU.



"THE **DACOIT--**
WITH WHOM I
CONTENDED IN
NEW YORK
THIS MORNING!

YOU **FAILED**
ME, SATMA.
THUS, I HAVE
BUT **ONE** MORE
REQUEST OF
YOUR
SERVICES.

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THEN... BOW YOUR HEAD AND RECIEVE FOUR DROPS OF ANOTHER OF MY CHEMICAL DISCOVERIES.

I SHOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE ITS EFFECTS.

Y-YES, HONORED ONE.

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"INSTANTLY, THE MAN STIFFENS, TREMBLING LIKE A HUNTING DOG! HIS FACE FLUSHES, HIS SKIN-- DRIES!



"I FEEL HEAT RADIATING FROM HIM!"



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--BUT NEVER WAS THE OUTCOME SO CERTAIN--

"CANNOT-- SLIP MY BONDS--!"

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--AS IN THIS ONE, BETWEEN A BOUND TURNCOAT AND A DACOIT WITH THREE TIMES HIS NORMAL SPEED!

EEE EEE EEE EEE EEE

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"THE SILENTLY SCREAMING, MINDLESS
MAN HUMS TOWARD ME, STRIKING AT
THE ONLY HUMAN HE CAN REACH!"

"I AM BUT
A TORTOISE
TO HIM--"

"-- BUT TO
MYSELF,
I AM A
TORTOISE
WITH
KNOWLEDGE."



"THE PITIABLE HULK IS TWITCHING UNCONTROL-
LABLY NOW, HIS MOVE-
MENTS *ERRATIC* STILL,
MY BLOWS CANNOT
STUN A NERVOUS SYS-
TEM IN THE THROES
OF SELF-DESTRUCTION!"



"PERHAPS THIS IS
A MAN WHO WILL
OVERCOME ME."

POK!



"I HAVE MADE
NO PROGRESS
AGAINST HIM."



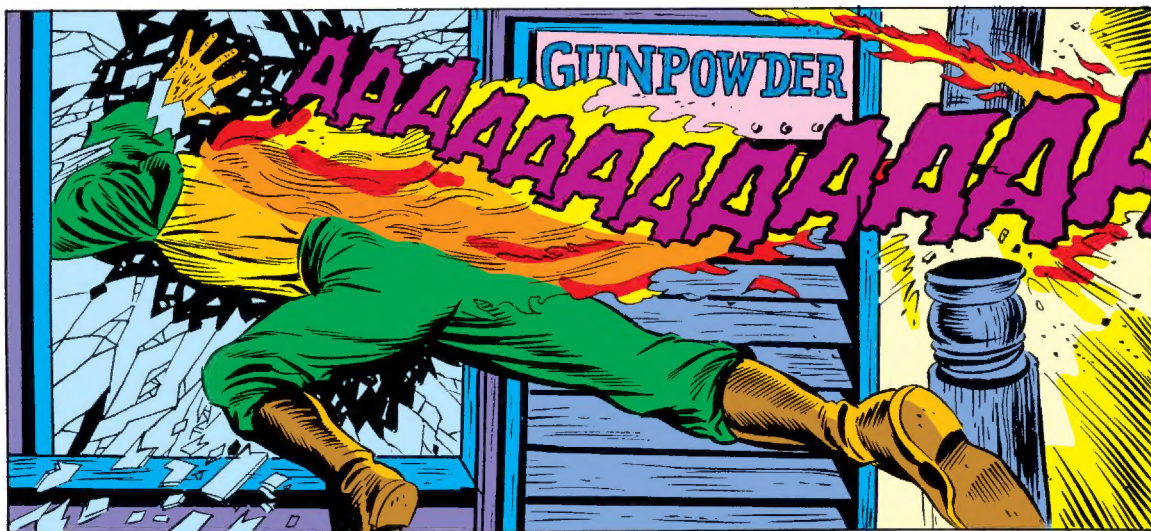
DEFEATED ME BEFORE,
SHANG-CHI! BROUGHT ME
MASTER'S DISPLEASURE
FOR FIRST TIME EVER
AND BROUGHT ME HOR-
RIBLE PUNISHMENT AND
ALL BECAUSE YOU
DEFEATED ME FOR
FIRST TIME EVER--

--BUT WHAT DOES
THAT MATTER
AGAINST THE
PAIN?!!



I CANNOT
ABIDE
THE PAIN!

LET ME DIE NOW!





"THE MAN KILLED HIMSELF, BECAUSE DEATH WAS PREFERABLE TO LIFE FOR HIM!"

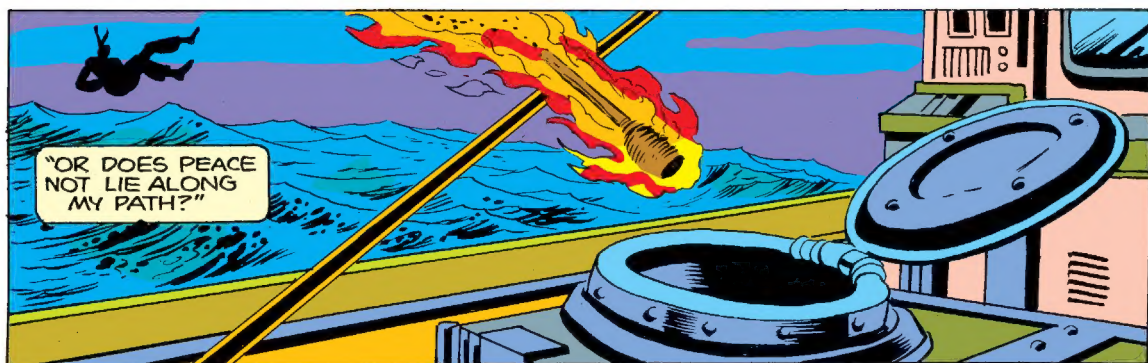
"AND MY FATHER MADE HIS LIFE SO UNBEARABLE!"



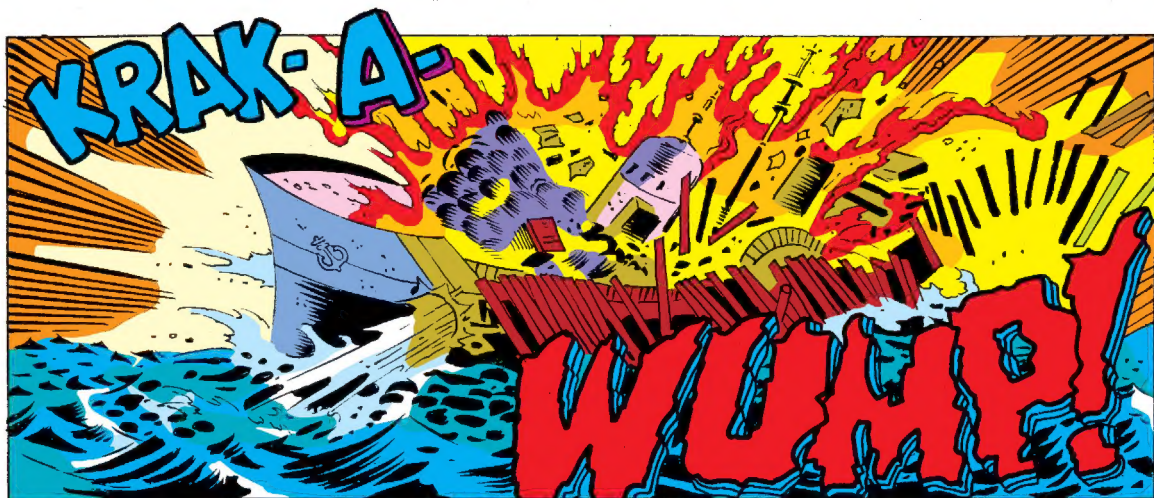
"WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT?"



"WILL I EVER AGAIN KNOW PEACE?"



"OR DOES PEACE NOT LIE ALONG MY PATH?"



GONE! BOTH MY SCHEMES AND MY SON! BUT MY SON WILL ESCAPE A WATERY TOMB!

HE IS TOO WELL-TRAINED TO DIE FROM A FALL--

--AND SO, THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE ALERTED TO MY SCHEME!

YES, O CELESTIAL ONE... UNLESS YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF DEATH REACH SHANG-CHI BEFORE HE REACHES THE AUTHORITIES!

AND WE SHALL! IT IS SWORN!

IT IS SWORN!

NEXT PURSUIT! FEATURING THE **TWO** MOST INCREDIBLE **GUEST STARS** OF THE YEAR!!!

Shadowcat

